

Parks Upgrade 1 A - Rock Climbing

Committee: Parks and Recreation

Project Title: Parks Upgrade 1 A - Rock Climbing Playground Expansion at Los Paseos

Cost: \$190,000

Location: Los Paseos Park

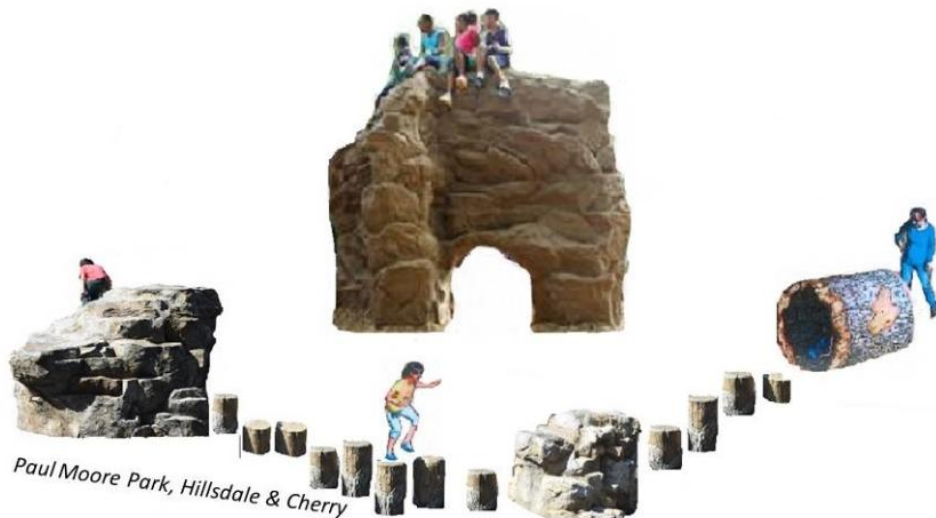
Short Description: This project will install a new rock climbing area behind the current playground at Los Paseos Park. It includes both large and smaller rocks to appeal to children of various ages and can be used by a number of children at the same time.

Long Description: Parks are important because they help build communities and represent an investment in our children. Los Paseos Park is centrally located within the Bernal to Bailey neighborhoods and is the main park used by residents of most of the neighborhoods.

This project will expand the Los Paseos playground with an exciting **new rock climbing area** behind the current playground. Kids love to climb, but they will climb inappropriate things if they don't have the right opportunities. Los Paseos Park lacks appropriate climbing challenges and there is little in the park to interest children older than seven.

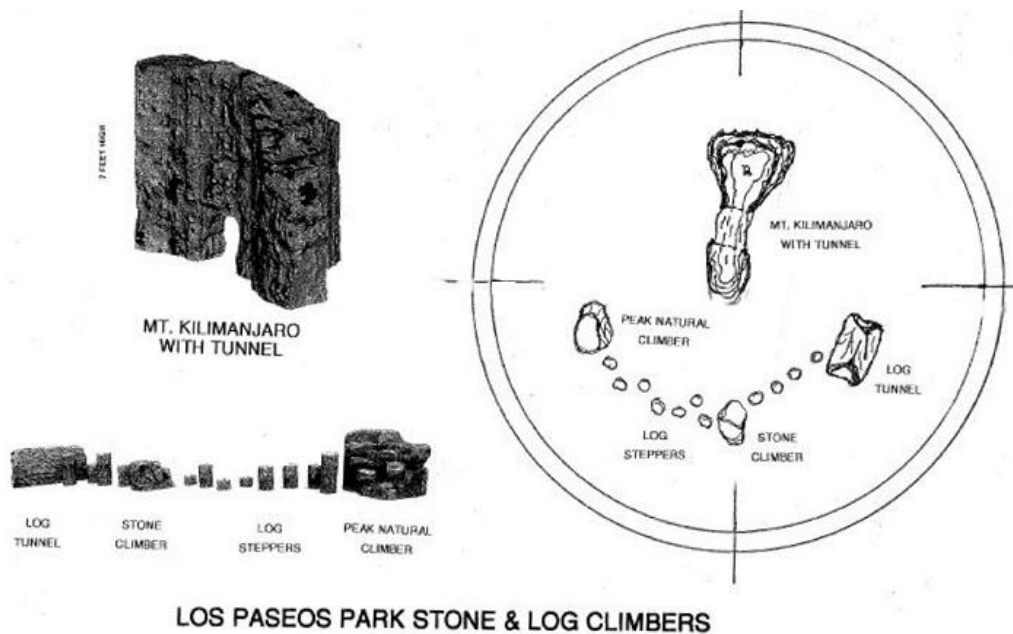
The center of the project will be a **main climbing rock** (including a tunnel) that is large enough to provide a challenge for older children. The new area will also include smaller rock structures, as well as log steppers and a log tunnel, appropriate for a wide range of ages. With a naturalistic look, the climbing circle will provide a variety of activities that develop **strength, agility and balance**. The climbing area can be **used by a number of children at the same time**.

New Climbing Area



The rock climbing area **meets playground safety standards**, providing safe "fall zones" protected by a resilient surface to prevent injury.

Committee Process. Members of the Parks and Recreation Committee visited and photographed the three neighborhood parks and over twenty other San Jose parks. Ideas were sought through the Participatory Budget submission process and a written survey given to attendees at the National Night Out event in Los Paseos Park. The lack of playground activities for older children was identified in the discussions and the survey. Ideas were discussed with park users and parks advocates. A Department of Parks planner and the Parks maintenance staff helped to develop this proposal.



Responsible City Agency: Department of Parks, Recreation and Neighborhood Services